

St. Hubert School Alumni Newsletter

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St. Hubert Alumni Mass and Reception & School Open House on Saturday, January 24, 2009

Mark your calendars! The First Annual St. Hubert Parish ALUMNI event will be held on January 24, 2009. The event will begin with Mass celebrated by St. Hubert Pastor Father Robert Rizzo at 4:30 PM in the newly renovated St Hubert Church followed by a Reception with refreshments in the Parish Ministry Center Multipurpose Room and an Open House Walk of the School showcasing all that St. Hubert School has to offer.

Email your attendance response to St. Hubert Development Core Team-Alumni Relations Arm Chairperson Denise Herrmann at dherrmann@sthubertschool.com and say you plan on attending to celebrate being ONCE A KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT!

St. Hubert Black & Gold Gala - Saturday, March 7, 2009 *Mark your calendars – more information to follow.*

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Renovated St. Hubert Church Opened November 15th, 2008!

By Julie (Wroblewski) Bosshart



Photo By Maria (Cinefro) Yonkus

After a year of construction and weekly mass in the gym, St. Hubert has returned to the renovated church.

Church is more than just a building. It is the people who share community and Eucharist together. Huge crowds came to celebrate the opening of the renovated church worship space!

The construction included essential updates to the infrastructure such as a new roof, new heating and A/C, an elevator to the lower level, and larger bathrooms. In addition, the worship space now features rounded pew seating and new side entrances into the church through the larger narthex and baptistery. The lighting is much improved. The parking lot has been repaved, and landscaping is looking great.

While Father Rizzo was recently in Rome to celebrate mass with the Pope, he met some artisans who will construct statues for our church, including statues of St. Hubert and the Holy Family. These will be carved from wood. These finishing touches are expected to be completed in the next 6 months.

See the church website, www.sainthubert.org, for more pictures from the renovation.

Halloween Walk

By Maria (Cinefro) Yonkus

The annual St. Hubert Halloween Walk was held on Friday, October 24th. Several parents volunteered their time to turn the hallways of the school into a bat cave, spider hangout, and spooky graveyard. The children were then invited to trick or treat from room to room. Those who dared entered the haunted cemetery (a.k.a. the junior high wing).

Six families submitted a pumpkin for the decorating contest which were showcased in the Meeting Hall. This year's entries included Cinderella's Carriage, the Tin Man and the Death Star. Donated pastries and drinks were served in the Club Room, and pizza slices were also available for purchase. For the first time in Halloween Walk history, a DJ played tracks in the gym. The children had a blast dancing with their friends and celebrating the holiday together. What a great event!



2008 TRACK-A-THON – Follow in his Footsteps

By Shelly (Mishler) Frank

On Saturday, September 27, St. Hubert School held its 31st annual Track-a-Thon fundraiser. It was a special year for Track-A-Thon, as it was the first time this annual fall event was extended to involve the entire St. Hubert Parish, Church and School and Alumni, community.

Over 360 families and 25 volunteers participated to make the day a huge success. They enjoyed a special show from the Knights of Medieval Times. St. Hubert Knights children and spectators donned crowns and cheered for either the Gold Knight or the Red and Gold Knight. The Red and Gold Knight eventually emerged victorious from the exciting duel.

Participants also enjoyed the first ever "Family Fair" complete with bungee run, rock climbing slide, obstacle course and moon jump, graciously donated by event sponsor Nationwide Hospitality. Hot dogs, cotton candy, pop corn, and snow cones were served throughout the day for all to enjoy.

St. Hubert Church and School and Alumni families raised almost \$44,000 which will go directly toward the school's operating budget. The top fundraiser at each school grade level received an iPod and the school's top fundraiser Abigail Moynihan earned a laptop computer!



INTERVIEWS:

Mrs. Binder, Current St. Hubert School Staff

By Denise (Szczeblowski) Herrmann



Are you a graduate of St. Hubert School? I did not graduate from St. Hubert School. When the school opened, it was grades 3-7 and I was in 8th grade. I did attend CCD classes here.

Please tell us about your family. My husband Tom and I were married here at St. Hubert in 1971. We have 4 children who all graduated from St. Hubert: Tom-1986, Stacey-1988, Kate-1991, and Ryan-1995. My son Tom has 4 daughters now in our school: Faith-3rd grade, Zoe-Kindergarten, and Tess and Laura in 3 Year Preschool.

When did you start working at St. Hubert? I started working in the school office in 1987, when Ryan was in Kindergarten. I worked mornings for 10 years and then went full time.

Did you do any other jobs at St. Hubert? During the 18 years that my children were students here, I served 6 years on the School Board. I also was very involved in Parents Club working on Santa Sale, Market Day, and serving as President and other committees. I also was Athletic Director for about 9 years.

What is the best thing about St. Hubert? The best thing about St. Hubert is the caring and loving environment. Also, I think the students get a very good education. They might not see it while they are here, but in high school and beyond, they find out how lucky they were to receive such a good education. So many graduates have brought their children back to attend St. Hubert shows that they feel they received a very good education.

Do you have a favorite memory you would like to share? Being around the students and staff has brought a great amount of joy to my life. I have always loved my job and have always felt very lucky to work here. Getting to know all the students and families here has been a wonderful experience. These memories will stay with me forever.

Mrs. Noble, Past St. Hubert School Principal

By Maria (Cinefro) Yonkus

During what years were you principal at St. Hubert? I was the principal at St. Hubert School from 1976 until 1987. Previous to that, I taught fourth grade and junior high at St. Hubert.

What memories do you hold during your time at St. Hubert? I have some wonderful memories from those years: great teachers, supportive parents, and the faces of all those children who every day challenged us to give them our very best. There were special school liturgies, junior high talent shows, science fairs, opening St. Hubert's first kindergarten, moving into the new junior high wing, the bathtub (reading nook) in the school library. I remember having to call on junior high students when I needed help learning how to use the first computer in the school office! That was in 1986.

What I remember best is how St. Hubert's school community came together to deal with a crisis or a tragedy. We could always count on the faculty, the priests, and the parish to be there for the children and their families.

What additional jobs did you hold after leaving St. Hubert? I left St. Hubert in 1987 to work for the Archdiocese in the Office of Catholic Schools in Chicago. I retired in 1998, but went back to work in 2002 when Father Brennan asked me to be the principal of a new school opening at Holy Family Parish in Inverness. I was there for 2 years and retired (for the last time!) in 2004.

What have you done in recent years? Today I live in a retirement community. I travel, play bridge, take some classes and mostly spend time with my children and grandchildren. Those students who helped me learn how to use a computer way back in the 1980's would be surprised to know that I now teach computer classes to seniors!

Top 10 Ways To Support Saint Hubert School Without Writing A Check!

by Maria (Cinefro) Yonkus

10. **MARKET DAY** – All your old favorites are still around. You can order online at www.marketday.com, visit the Sara Lee store at 26 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg, or visit the beautiful Market Day store at 1250 N. Mittel Boulevard in Wood Dale. Don't forget to mention that you are supporting St. Hubert School (#1403)!
9. **RESTAURANTS** – Don't feel like cooking? There are fundraiser nights scheduled at restaurants in our area. The first Wednesday of every month is Benefit Night at the **Buona** located at 2352 West Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates. The second Wednesday of every month is Family Fundraiser night at the **Wendy's** located at 29 West Golf Road in Hoffman Estates. The third Wednesday of every month is Family Fundraiser night at the **IHOP** located at 2250 Barrington Road in Hoffman Estates. Print out the coupon on the www.sainthubert.org Parents Club link, and 15 - 25% of sales will given to the school. New ones come up often so check the school website!
8. **ONECAUSE (FORMERLY SCHOOL POP)** – Shop online via One Cause at www.onecause.com. Merchants available include Target, Circuit City, Amazon, and Ebay. Up to 20% is contributed to the school. Don't forget to link your account to St. Hubert.
7. **BOX TOPS** – Clip Box Tops from some of your favorite items (including General Mills, Ziploc, Kleenex, Hefty, Fiber One, Pillsbury and more). Mail them into the school. We receive 10 cents for every top!
6. **eSCRIP** – eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to our school each time you shop with no cost to you! Go to www.escrip.com, click on sign up, and follow the instructions to register your grocery, debit and credit cards. Make sure to choose St. Hubert School for your contributions (#6569547).
5. **CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION** – Clip the UPC code from various Campbell's items (including Campbell's, V8, and Prego). Mail them into the school. Points are used to purchase merchandise for the school.
4. **TARGET REDCARD** – Have a Target Red Card or thinking about opening one? Most cards can be used to shop anywhere, and Target will donate up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to your chosen school.
3. **SALLY FOSTER** - You can purchase gorgeous wrapping paper, gift bags and gifts all year long! Go to www.Sallyfoster.com. Then, click on "Give Credit" and search for Saint Hubert and link it to your account. Fifty percent of your purchase supports the school!
2. **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** – The annual magazine drive will now be available year round at www.sainthubert.org/school. Click on the QSP Reader's Digest icon and enter Saint Hubert's Online Account Number 425007822 to purchase a new subscription or even renew a past subscription. Great for gifts too!

AND THE #1 WAY TO HELP SUPPORT SAINT HUBERT WITHOUT WRITING A CHECK IS...

1. **GIFT CARDS** – The school office is stocked with tons of gift certificates for purchase to some great stores and restaurants including Jewel, Kohl's, Lettuce Entertain You, and many more. The school purchased these cards at a discount, and the difference is given to the school. Stop in before a big day of shopping and use them to pay your bill or purchase some for gifts!

